

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action of allowable subject matter in claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10, and 12-15. Claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10, 12, and 15 have been rewritten in independent form to include features of their respective base claims and any intervening claims so as to place these claims in condition for allowance, as suggested in the Office Action. Allowable claims 13 and 14 now depend from base claim 12.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, and 11 have been canceled, thereby obviating the rejections of these claims. Claims 16-32 have been newly added. Support for the features defined by claims 16-32 is provided in the original claims, Figs. 1 and 5, and the descriptions accompanying Figs. 1 and 5 in the specification.

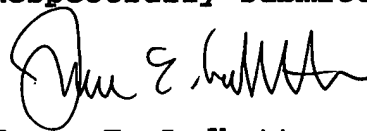
Base claims 16, 23, and 28 recite features similar to those recited in allowable claim 12 that the Office Action identified as distinguishing claim 12 from the art of record. Base claims 21 and 23 recite features similar to those recited in allowable claim 15 that the Office Action identified as distinguishing claim 15 from the art of record. Therefore, allowance of claims

16, 21, 23, and 28 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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